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Title: Need to take action in respect of Konkan Railway Project to ply more trains.

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY (VISHAKAPATNAM): Sir, very recently, the Prime Minister of India has dedicated the Konkan Railway project to the nation. What is most important is that it covers about 750 kilometres, the longest coverage in the country that has been built by the Government of India after the British, who built the old lines, left India. The Government has borrowed Rs. 3,500 crore from the public. They have to pay back Rs. 1,000 crore in three years. We are shocked that there is a loss of Rs.1 crore every day. This is a matter of serious concern for the nation.

I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister of Railways to take immediate action so that more trains are allowed to ply on this line and this loss of Rs.1 crore is not incurred. Of course, they say that in the first year, there is likely to be some loss. That is the argument advanced by the Ministry of Railways. But it is impossible to pay back Rs.1,000 crore within three years unless they take some immediate action. Therefore, in the interest of the nation and for the better future for the railway system, I request the hon. Minister of Railways to take immediate action.